

Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council Item ID: 19055 Agenda Number 10.

Meeting Date: October 18, 2012

Department: Contract Management

Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with KLEINFELDER CENTRAL, INC., or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP111A, to provide professional services for the Water Distribution Facilities: Recoating, Safety and Security Improvements project with an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing	Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of six firms evaluated through the City's
Language:	qualification-based selection process.
Prior Council	
Action:	
For More	Joe Smith 972-0231; Rolando Fernandez 974-7749; April Shaw 974-7141.
Information:	Joe Smith 972-0251, Rolando Pemandez 974-7749, April Shaw 974-7141.
Boards and	
Commission	Recommended by the Water & Wastewater Commission.
Action:	
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE subconsultant participation.
Related Items:	
Additional Backup Information	

Austin Water Utility (AWU) has thirty-four (34) steel, and four (4) concrete potable and non-potable water storage tanks in the distribution system. AWU will select one or more of the 38 tanks annually for routine maintenance evaluation and repair as needed. Approximately \$2 million is expended annually for the routine maintenance on these tanks. The selected consultant will provide engineering services for investigations, recommendations, and design and construction phase services needed to perform the construction for these tanks and related pump station improvements. Pump station improvements include piping modifications, valving modifications, coating system replacements, and other improvements necessary to remove existing storage tanks from service while accommodating water system demand and pressure. The investigation, design, and preparation of construction documents will typically occur in the spring of each year so that the construction can be performed in the winter months, when the demand for water is relatively low.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with a qualified responder that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE. The recommended and alternate firm provided MBE/WBE Compliance Plans that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the professional services was sent to 358 firms on May 18, 2012. The RFQ was obtained by 65 firms, and 6 firms submitted qualification statements. None of the firms were certified MBE or WBE firms.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: KLEINFELDER CENTRAL, INC. ALTERNATE FIRM: BROWN & GAY ENGINEERS, INC.

Kleinfelder Central, Inc. is located in Austin, TX